

Department of the Army**Notice of Intent to Grant an Exclusive or Partially Exclusive License to TRS Ceramics, Inc.**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with 37 CFR 40-4 *et seq.*, the Department of the Army hereby gives notice of its intent to grant to TRS Ceramics, Inc., a corporation having its principle place of business at Suite J, 2820 East College Ave., State College, PA 16801; an exclusive or partially exclusive license to manufacture under U.S. Patents 5,486,491, issued 23 Jan. 1996, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Composite Material—BSTO—ZRO₂"; 5,312,790, issued 17 May 1994, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Material"; and 5,427,988, issued 27 Jun 1995, entitled "Ceramic Ferroelectric Composite Material—BSTO—MGO". Anyone, wishing to object to the granting of this license has 60 days from the date of this notice to file written objections along with supporting evidence, if any.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Technology Applications, ATTN: AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg. 459, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, Telephone: (410) 278-5028.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.
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Corps of Engineers**Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Intracoastal Waterway (IWW) Locks, Louisiana, Feasibility Study**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: A reconnaissance study of the locks on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana determined that the Bayou Sorrel Lock has the most immediate need for an increase in capacity to pass navigation traffic and needs to be modified or replaced to provide sufficient height to pass a project flood in the Atchafalaya Basin. The Bayou Sorrel Lock is located along the Morgan City to Port Allen alternate route near the town of Bayou Sorrel and allows navigation traffic to pass through the

East Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee. The DEIS will address alternatives for replacement of the existing Bayou Sorrel Lock.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the DEIS should be addressed to Mr. Richard Boe at (504) 862-1505. Questions about the feasibility study should be addressed to Mr. Kevin Wagner at (504) 862-2509. Their address is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Planning Division (CELMN-PD), P.O. Box 60267, New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Authority.* The feasibility study is authorized by two Congressional resolutions. The first resolution was adopted by the Committee on Public Works of the U.S. Senate on September 29, 1972, and the second was adopted by the Committee on Public Works of the U.S. House of Representatives on October 12, 1972. Both resolutions requested the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors to investigate the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to determine the advisability of modifying the existing project.

2. *Proposed Action.* The proposed action is to determine the feasibility of replacing the Bayou Sorrel Lock with a larger, more efficient lock. Various sizes, alignments, and construction techniques will be investigated for the replacement lock. The DEIS will discuss these alternatives and disclose the impacts of the alternatives for which detailed investigations are made.

3. *Alternatives.* A variety of alternatives for replacement of the lock, as well as the no-action alternative, are under investigation. Alternatives include concrete shell design, earthen chamber design, and lock sizes from 75 to 110 feet wide and up to 1,200 feet long. Associated with any lock replacement plan is the necessity to dispose of large quantities of dredged material. Investigations are being conducted to minimize the environmental impact of dredged material disposal and to mitigate for unavoidable impacts.

4. *Scoping.* Scoping is the process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action. For this study, a scoping input request letter will be sent to all parties believed to have an interest. The scoping input request will invite comments on study alternatives and other significant study-related issues to be addressed in the DEIS. The scoping input request will also serve as an invitation to a public scoping meeting to be held in the town of Bayou Sorrel in

early 1997. All interested parties are invited to comment at this time, and anyone interested in this study should request to be included in the study mailing list.

5. *Significant Issues.* The tentative list of issues and resources to be evaluated in the DEIS includes: forested wetlands (including wildlife resources), aquatic resources (including water quality), threatened and endangered species, recreation resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources.

6. *Cooperating Agencies.* Non-Federal cost sharing will be provided through the Inland Waterway Trust Fund, administered by the Inland Waterway Users Board. No cooperating agencies have been designated.

7. *Environmental Consultation and Review.* The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is assisting in identification of impacts and in the development of mitigation plans. The Service will provide a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act report. Consultation will also be accomplished with the Service concerning threatened and endangered species. The DEIS will be distributed to all interested agencies, organizations, and individuals.

8. *Estimated Date of Availability.* The DEIS is scheduled to be distributed to the public in July 1998.

Dated: January 10, 1997.
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Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.
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Department of Army, Corps of Engineers**Intent to Prepare a Feasibility Study and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Anacostia River and Tributaries Phase 2 Feasibility Study in Montgomery County, Maryland**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is initiating the Anacostia River and Tributaries (Phase 2) Feasibility Study on the Montgomery County, Maryland portion of the Northwest Branch watershed. The riparian and aquatic environmental integrity of the Northwest Branch watershed has been severely degraded by urbanization, inadequate infrastructure and industrial encroachment. The Phase 2 study will